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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,

CV-05-274-HA

Plaintiff,

v.

DAVE ALLEN, Regional Director, United States Fish and Wildlife Service,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANTS' STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT REGARDING ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS AND PROPOSED ORDER

Whereas plaintiff has moved for an award of fees and costs against the defendants under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1540(g)(4) ("ESA"), for the time and costs they have

expended on this litigation;

Whereas the Court, on September 7, 2005, entered an Order finding that plaintiff was

entitled to attorneys' fees under the ESA;

Whereas plaintiff and defendants desire to resolve plaintiff's claim for fees and costs

without the need for an expenditure of significant additional time or resources on that issue by

the parties or the Court;

Whereas plaintiff and defendants agree that it is in the public interest to avoid a

protracted dispute over the fee and cost issue;

Whereas plaintiff and defendants have now reached a settlement of the fee and cost claim

that does not entail any concession of law or fact by either plaintiffs or federal defendants;

It is therefore stipulated and agreed to, by and between plaintiff and defendants that:

1. Defendants will pay plaintiff, pursuant to section 11(g) of the ESA, \$11,000.00 in full

settlement of plaintiff's claim for attorneys' fees and costs through the date of the filing of this

Stipulation. Defendants will issue a check in that amount to:

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2. Defendants agree to submit all necessary paperwork to funding authorities at the

Department of the Treasury within ten (10) business days of receipt of the signed court order

approving this stipulation.

3. It is further stipulated that this Stipulation and agreement applies only to attorneys'

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time and litigation costs expended prior to the date of the filing of this Stipulation. It does not waive plaintiff's right to seek fees or costs for time expended in this or any other litigation following the date of the filing of this Stipulation. Defendants reserve the right to contest any future attempt to seek fees or costs by plaintiff.

4. This stipulation as to attorneys' fees and costs has no precedential value and its contents shall not be used as evidence in any other attorneys' fees litigation. By this agreement, defendants do not waive any right to contest fees claimed by plaintiffs or plaintiffs' counsel, including the hourly rate, in any future litigation.

DATED: October 26, 2005.

By Permission:

/s / Brent Plater

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IT IS SO ORDERED

DATED this <u>26</u> day of <u>0</u>

, 2005.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE